# Tales From High School

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# The House Of The Nightmares

It was a dark a rainy night when 2 friends called Ray and Ned ran back home in a high way, but there was a plan from their friends than it looked funny for 1 moment. Instead of go back with their parents, they went to an old huge house in middle of the forest. When they came, Ray said:

- C'mon, Ned. It will be funny.

- I don't think so. My parents will kill me.

- Who cares? We gonna to see a good picture.

- It's a terror movie. Remember the last time. I'd shit in my pants.

- Ok. If you're such a pussy; go back with your mother.

Ned went back to his car raising the index finger. Inside of the house there were Margo, Ed, Maggie and Gomez.

- Where is Ned? – Ed asked.

- He ran away.

- Have you got the movie?

- Yes.

The movie that Ray brought was "House On Haunted Hill". There was a big TV in the main room and like there was a DVD player. They started to watch.

To the end of the film, the boys got laugh of the horror scenes seen it.

- That was a funny film. – Margo said.

- Yeah. Hey, may this house is haunted too.

- No shit, Gomez.

- Hey, where is Ed? – Maggie asked.

- Maybe in the bathroom shiting of fear. – Ray said.

- C'mon, let's seek him. – Gomes said.

The boys went to the deepest part of the house with candles. It was all dark and silent. They heard a noise coming from a door. Margo took the Vandyke and when she opened the door, a bog white sheet came out from inside. After the screams, the ghost was actually Ed in disguise.

- What the fuck? Ed. – Maggie said upset.

- Ha, ha, do you really think that there was a ghost? You are so stupid.

But Ed stooped of laughing when a strange noise was heard.

- Ed, Don't do that. – Maggie said.

- It wasn't me.

He turned on and a big horrible spectre appeared with his body made of bones, screaming faces, mist and his head was like a bloody skull. They ran from the ghostly creature and the first thinking was: "we must keep out of here".

Back to the route, Ned was driving with difficulties to see because it began to rain and in 1 second, he saw someone walking in the way. Ned stopped the car avoiding the dark figured he saw in the middle of the road. The car drove off the road and crashed against a tree. Ned didn't get hurt and went out to look the guy, but he wasn't there and Ned saw some kind of hook stuck in the back part of the car.

Back to the house while the young people went on, even 1 of them asked something.

- What the hell it supposes was that?

- Is obvious that it was a ghost, Ed.

- No, it's impossible. – Margo replied.

While the horrible noises got hearing, the wall started to bleed.

- We can't escape, we gonna die.

- Stay calm, Ed. Everything will be ok.

- Fuck no, we gonna fucking die!

In that moment, large arms came out from the wall takings Ed and dragging him to the blood. His friends held his arms trying from saving him, but it was too late. He was swallowed by the wall. They ran by every way until they stopped in a zone that got deeper and deeper like a long way.

- We can't go there. – Maggie said.

- Maybe it's a way out. C'mon. – Need replied.

But with each step, the way got longer till they could catch the door. There was stairs way down and the only option was go down, but Gomez said:

- I won't go down there.

- C'mon, Gomez.

- No, I wait up here.

Ray and the girls came down and nothing was heard, but something was there. Maggie got scare when she heard something in the darkness.

- Take it easy, Maggie. – Ray said.

- Yeah, may is just a rat. – Margo said.

- Those are not rats! – Maggie said fingering back.

When they look back, there were a lot of horrible big rats. The group began to run to the stairs, but Maggie was caught by the rats and they started to eat her. She screamed of pain and a blood puddle appeared down of the pile of rats.

When Ray and Margo went up, Gomez was gone and Ray thought that maybe he found a way out.

- Where is Gomez?

- Maybe he escaped. Stay back.

The looking for escape continued until Ray turned on and Margo disappeared.

- Margo? Where are you?

There was silence until a big monstrous black bird appeared from darkness. Ray ran for his life in that moment.

In the rain, Ned walked because the car was damaged and he heard a noise. He took a view back to see what that noise was and there was the shadow of the big man. Ned got scare and he started to run, but he slipped in the mud. He looked back again and the strange man was coming closer.

Ray kept running till arrive to a door and he opened. Once he got inside, Ray closed the door in the giant bird's face. Ray was back in the main room and he was thinking that will be his last time alive, but he saw a light in the window and a car teared down the wall. It was Ned in another car that he found in somewhere cuz he was escaping from something.

- Ned, thank god.

- Monster… monster…

- Ned, what happens? Take me out of here.

- Ok… Get into the car.

Ray entered to the car, but before Ned started the car in that moment; a hook perforated his neck. Ned was moved out from the car and Ray took the wheel while he could. Ray moved the car quickly and his only choice was escape. There was nothing he could do now except run away. Ray escaped far away from the deadly house. From the highway, everything was okay to Ray for 1 moment and he tried to think that the entire nightmare was just that. A bad dream, but in the way back home, Ray felt a hand in his shoulder and when he looked back, he saw a skeleton in the back sit.

# The Suffering

I still remember my worst mistake. My sin made me live the most tormenting days that I never had. My name is Nicky and I was 16 years old when I was working in a candy shop. My mom was the proprietress of the shop and I was the good child of the family. I never did something wrong until I met Vasco in 3rd grade. He was the cool guy of the school with his go hill boots, black short hair and his stylist look. When he talked to me, I was calm until her made me his new friend. I was surprise. I and Vasco did a lot of funny things. No doubt that he was the best kid I knew. When I back come, it was late and mom was waiting. She told me something I remember.

- Where you were?

- I was with a new friend.

- Remember with who you are, cuz you could be with someone who can take you to wrong way.

- Ma, is ok. I will be always a good boy.

But I was really wrong because to the next day, I was walking to school when Vasco stopped me.

- What do you do here?

- C'mon, let's do something fun.

- But the school.

- Hey, are you my friend or not?

I'd never escaped from school before, but as Vasco was the cool guy, I had to do it.

We went to the market to take some things to eat.

- Hey, this was a cool idea.

- Of course, Nicky.

- But I have not money.

- Is okay anyway.

- But how we pay these?

- Do you wanna be a cool guy?

- Yes, Vasco.

- In that case, you've got to steal these.

- Steal? But it’s incorrect.

- C’mon. It will be great.

I didn’t know what to do, but after that, I should have listened to my mother. I took the meal and I hid it down my shirt like Vasco. I thought he was right, but when we crossed the door, I heard the alarm and we started to run. Some cops were behind us. Vasco could escape, but I haven’t the same luck. We took different ways and I was close to arrive to my mom’s candy shop, but a cop got drop on me and I was under arrest. My mom was right.

With the evidence of the cams, the judgment wasn’t necessary. I was sent to jail where the prisoners kicked my ass until let me in the floor. The cops were very bad and when I said something, my ass was kicked by them. All a nightmare it was. At night, I cried for my mom wondering why I didn’t listen to her. I suffered a lot for what I done and in 10 years later, I was free.

I was 26 years old when I got out of prison and I thought that my nightmare was ending, but the outside was different. A lot of cars, new devices, the tapes turned into disks, everything had change. I went back to my mom’s candy shop and my mother was there. I was glad, but when I entered, Vasco was there in my place and mom wasn’t very happy to see me.

- Mother, I’m back.

- Yeah, hi.

- Vasco, what are you doing here?

- I work here now. Sorry, but your mother gave me the job.

- Mother, why?

- Why? Why you took the wrong way?

- Sorry, I was wrong.

- I thought you were a good boy, but you broke my heart. After take care of you, feed you and give you my love that is how you pay me?

- But, ma…

- Don’t call me Ma. You are not my son. Keep out!

My mother was really broken for my mistake. Her pain was worse than mines. When I kept out of the candy shop, Vasco followed me to talk.

- Nicky, wait. It’s not as bad as you think.

- It’s your fault. You made me this!

- I so sorry. When I escaped from the cops, I went back to find you, but when I knew that you were taken to jail…

- Don’t talk about that place. I was so scared in tears. You have no idea about what I lived!

- Yes and I sorry. Wish I had never made you that.

- And wish I had never met you.

- I sorry, Nicky!

I turned on when he said that, but I didn’t listen to him. But now the question was what I could do now without a title. I lose all my school time. I couldn’t finish the high school and I couldn’t go back. So I had to find a job and a room in some hotel. The room was the easy part, but the job was another thing, cuz I haven’t title and the only place where I could find a job was in a mini-super. But the proprietor of the place was somebody very nasty. He paid me less, not enough to buy food and when I took something to eat, he beat me with a whip cuz I was the only employment with criminal record and nobody helped me. My life was a hell. In that moment, I knew that it wasn’t Vasco’s fault. It was mine. If I would have listened to my mother, this would have never happened. If a thief I was, then a thief I will be.

Vasco went to my apartment to make me reconcile with my mother.

- Nicky, are you here? ... What is this?

He found a letter under his foot saying that I was going to steal the market again.

- Shit, I must stop him!

When I was inside the market, I took somethings and I walked to the door. When I was ready to leave, I crossed with him. There was Vasco trying from stop me.

- Nicky, what the hell are you doing?

- Stealing as you taught me.

- You don’t have to do this.

- Yes, I have to. I’m not an innocent bot anymore.

- It was wrong what I did to you 10 years ago. So I own you my freedom.

- And what are you going to do?

- Clean your name.

He took me out from my hands the things that I tried to steal and run away making sound the alarm and bringing the cops. What I could not believe was when Vasco got stop and let the cops arrest him. He gave his own freedom and innocence for me. After being taken to jail, I knew what I had to do. I went back to my mother’s candy shop to make the things like they were before go to jail.

When I got there, I explained her all about Vasco. What he had done and how he sacrificed his good name for me. Mother was crying and she said:

- My baby, I sorry for what I told you.

- It’s ok. I suffered a lot to be with you again. I cried a lot in the darkness.

- It’s ok, baby. Mommy is with you now.

We both cried together during the hug. To the next day, I let the mini-super and went back to work with my mom in the candy shop. Now I’m happy again and I will never forget about the suffering that I lived and what Vasco have done for me.

“You shall not steal”

Exodus, 20:15

# Vampire Heart

When a man falls in love, he say than his girl is the most beautiful creature that god could make and there is something special in that girl. There was a girl who I met and she was different to the others. I was 18 when I met her and I still recall the day we get met when I done the school. I found a job in a flower shop. I sailed flowers of all kind. Roses, orchids, lilacs, etc. My last costumer asked me a bunch of sunflowers and it was something easy.

- Thank you, young man.

- When you want, old lady.

- Hey, you made a good job. – My partner said to me.

- Thanks, Dave. This means a lot for me.

- No doubts about you.

When I finished to work, it was 21:30 PM and in the way back home while I counted the money, somebody showed up and tripped me. We felt to the same time and I started to take back my money. She helped me while she was asking apologies.

- Oops… I so sorry. It was my fault.

- Is ok, miss. Don't worry.

When I raised my face to look at her, I looked at her eyes. They were of color blue and size, she was the most beautiful girl I ever seen. She looked at me of the same way. We stood up and she gave me back the money and we talked.

- Thanks, miss.

- It was nothing, sir.

- Sorry, but can I ask your name?

- My name is Mave.

- It's a pretty name. I'm Logan, so where you go?

- I can say it, but where can I see you tomorrow?

- Here in the flower shop.

- Ok, bye.

We took different paths and from that day I knew that she may be was the love of my life.

To the next day, I told Dave all about last night and my today visitor.

- So, she told you that she will see you today.

- That's right.

- I just wait that she doesn't be a whore.

- Well, cuz she is right there.

Dave turned and my future girlfriend was entering by the door.

- Whoa! She's pretty.

- I told you.

- Hi, Logan. I would like a bunch of roses.

- Of course. Of what kind?

- Red like blood.

- Mave, I was thinking that you and I…

- Go to dinner? No problem. 8 o'clock.

She went by the door and my plan had just begun.

At night, we were eating in the best restaurant of all. For the next bite, I asked spaghetti with tomato sauce. When she took a little taste, she spat.

- What the fuck is this?

- It's sauce with garlic.

- Sorry, I'm allergic to garlic.

- Oh, sorry. I didn't know it.

She drank water to refresh her tongue.

After finish the dinner, I took her to my house and she looked at my room very well.

- So, do you live here?

- Yes. It isn't much, but is nice.

- So what shall we do now?

- I don't know. What you think?

She got close to me closing her eyes and kissing my lips. We started to undress. In my bed we made love for first time and when my tongue was inside her mouth, I felt like 2 sharp fangs were inside of it, but I tried to don't think about it. I was touching her tits and was so soft like her lips. Her body was like an erotic sculpture made by the hands of angels. For me, she was

like an angel too. Her body got so warm, sending us to a burning line of passion and lust. It was a heaven of carnal desire like the sin of the flesh.

I woke up next morning and Mave wasn't in the bed. She was in the kitchen making the breakfast and using a long shirt.

- I see you woke up.

- Yeah, what you cook?

- Vegetal soup.

- And the potatoes?

- I have still to peel them.

- Is ok, I'll do it.

I took a knife and a potato and I began to peel it. Mave came closer to me worry about I cut myself.

- You need help?

- No, I'm fine.

- Sure? Cuz…

- Believe me, is ok.

On that moment, I cut my finger and it got bleeding. I let the knife and potato fall centering my attention in the blood shedding from the cut. Mave looked at the blood of some strange way and later, she looked to another way.

- Don't worry, Mave. It's not so grave.

- Yeah… maybe… I should peel the potato.

- Alright.

While I was desperate for the injury, Mave took the knife and how I wasn't looking, she cut her own tongue to satisfice some kind of blood thirst. When I covered my finger with a napkin I took from the table, I turned back to look at her. She was peeling the potato with a smile in her face. Nothing out of normal. So, I let her work with the soup.

That night, we went to the fun park playing with those games in exhibition and riding the mechanical games. We made a stop in the mirror house looking at us in the funny mirrors. In that moment I noticed something weird in the looking glasses.

- Mave, where is your reflection?

- Well, I… Let's go to somewhere else.

I followed her to a game of hit with the hammer to make the bell ring. I was the first on try. I gave the first hit, but I couldn't ring the bell. One more time, but it wasn't good enough till Mave was next.

- Can I try?

- Sure, but I don't think than you…

In that moment, she hit so hard that the bell rang and shot to the high sky. I was impressing and I knew that she had something hiding and I would know about it.

When we came out from the fun park, we were walking by the park and it was time to know the truth about her.

- Is a nice night, don't you think?

- Yeah, is beautiful. I walk at night every day and just for one reason.

- Tell me, because I wanna ask you something.

- I know. Don't ask, because I have to tell you something.

- Ok, tell me.

- You know that we are together since yesterday.

- Yes, is true.

- I know all about you, but there is something you don't know about me.

- What it supposes that means?

- I'm not like other girls.

- I know and I wanna talk about that.

- Prepare, cuz this is gonna shock you.

- No, I don't think so. Like I was in the fun park.

- Ok… Logan… I…

From the nowhere, a thief appeared behind her with a gun and there was another one behind me.

- Ok, give us the money and nobody will get hurt.

- Hey, leave him alone!

- And what are you going to do, bitch?

- I was hoping that you say that.

She turned back fast and bit the thief on his neck. He screamed high and felt to the grass dead. She turned to the front and there was blood on her mouth. Her eyes were staring showing a wild look like an animal. Her bloody mouth showed 2 sharp fangs and her face was scaring me. The thief shot her, but she came fast, made me move to one side and bit the throat of the other thief. She bit it so hard that she ripped it off. The thief had a big injury on his throat that he drowned with his own blood and felt dead. I was so shocked than I couldn't move when she turned her eyes to me again. She knew that I was scare like a sheep. So, she came close to me and she spoke to make me calm.

- Is ok, I don't gonna hurt you.

- Just tell me who or what the fucks are you.

- Mave is my real name, but I'm not human.

- So you are… a vampire?

- I'm not of that kind. I killed this time, cuz I tried to save your life.

- Why you didn't try to kill me when you had the chance?

- I told you I'm not of that kind. Size, I didn't try it because since the day I met you, I felt something I never felt before.

- What it means?

- I didn't try to bite you because I love you.

- How do I know that is true what you say?

She got closer to me and I couldn't move 1 single finger. She drew her head near putting her lips against mine's. I couldn't tolerate the taste of blood on her lips, but Mave's lips were still soft and sweet even with the blood on her mouth. Back home, we made love one more time again. This time in the sofa, she was on me, giving her soul to the pleasure. In her placer scream, I could see her fangs inside of her mouth. Sharp and glossy like a knife. For 1 moment, I thought that she was going to bite my neck, but when she came, she didn't. She rested on me breathing deeply and I gave her a hug breathing deeply too. After that sweet moment, Mave had the full night to tell all her history.

- Since when you are a vampire?

- My looking says that I am 18 years old, but actually I am 118 years old.

- And you still look young.

- That's right.

- But how can you walk in the daylight?

- Because I am from a different kind. A day walker

- And what about the blood? Cuz you need to drink it.

- For that, I don't kill. I just bite on the arm or any part of the body where the carotid vein is not. I drink enough blood to make the person forget.

- But can you transform a person in a vampire too, don't you?

- If I make him drink my blood after the bite, yes and it works in a blood transfusion too.

- It has to be hard live a lot of years.

- Sometimes is okay because I travel around to know new places.

- Yeah… that's nice.

- But is difficult having friends because I see them grow old and die while I'm still young and that makes me feel so bad, you know.

- I know what you feel. When I had 9, my mother always took care of me. When I was sick and when I was alone upon home. For me, she was like a saint, but 1 day she went to shopping and she never came back. After 2 weeks missing, the police found her dead in the river. A cop told it to my dad and I could hear it while I was behind the wall. She was raped and murdered by a man of 48 years old. He killed her with a razor blade. My mother was the only one who gave me real love and I had to survive alone when she was gone. Death is part of human condition.

- So you understand me, right?

- Yes and I understand if you cannot stay with me.

- There is something you must know. I came 2 years ago to know the place and live here for a short time, but what I never had in mind was fall in love.

You though me something. That it doesn't cares, Mave. I love you anyway.

She gave me a hug like she never hugged me before. We knew that we could stay together no matter what.

In next morning, I went to work while I let Mave in my apartment like a normal couple. When I got to the flower shop, Dave told me something that called my attention.

- Logan, thank god you are here.

- What happen? Dave.

- The police was here.

- What?

- They were asking for you cuz you've got something to do with 2 thieves who were found dead this morning in the park. I could convince them that you were home all night.

- Yeah, Mave and I were making love and talking all night.

- Well, if the cops come back, I'll tell 'em that.

- What means that?

- You better go home. Take the day off.

I had to take Dave's advice and go home. May be Mave was trying to tell me why we can't stay together. I didn't know until I came back. Everything was okay, but when I opened the door, there was a dead body over a blood puddle. It was the caretaker and Mave standing there had blood in her mouth.

- Mave, what had you done?

- I sorry, but he made me do it.

- What happened?

- When you gone, he knocked the door. I let him in, but when he saw me, he tried to kiss me. I said "No", but he didn't stop and he was trying to undress me. So, I had no choice than bite him just in the carotid vein. I so sorry, Logan, but he pissed me off.

- Is ok. I don't blame you, he always was an asshole.

- But we have free us of the body.

As Mave was right, I put the corpse in a big trash bag and drag it to the street. I used gloves in case of the police find the body and check for digital traces, but there was something else in what Mave was right too. I went back to the room and Mave cleaned her face, but she was preparing to leave.

- Mave, what do you…?

- Now do you know why we can't be man and wife? This is not for my age. Is for my way to be.

- What the fuck it cares? Listen, I can leave my job and we can go to somewhere else.

- No, Logan. You've got a job and an apartment. It's a good live. Please, don't leave all that for me. I have to go not for me, is for you, because I love you so much to condemn you.

- Ok, you can go. I love you too. So, I will let you go.

She gave me a goodbye kiss and she left through the door. I didn't see her again from that moment. Everything was okay at the next day. It was like everything went back to normal. The police wasn't searching me and I still missed Mave and I still do. 2 weeks later, I received a letter from Mave and from that day, I knew this: if I gonna see her again, the answer will be "Yes".

*From the darkest night*

*You see my eyes*

*Glowing in the dark*

*My lips red like blood*

*Were tasted*

*By your soft and sweet lips*

*Biting you neck*

*Your sweet blood*

*Satisfice my thirst*

*But your love*

*Makes my heart*

*Beat again*

*In the bed*

*Your warm body*

*A passional fire*

*Burns my soul*

*Makes me feel alive*

*Once again*

*Love*

Mave

# The Dalmatian

# With

# Color Stains

Once upon a time in a small alleyway, a she-dog waited to be mother. In a rainy night, her moment had come and from that dark day, she brought to the world 2 little brothers. 1 of the, was a very particular pup because when he was born, he was white like any Dalmatian in his first day in the world. But when he grew up, some points of color red, blue, green, yellow, etc. appeared on his body. For some reason her mother gave him the appropriate name: “Spot Chrome”.

With the pass of time, Spot Chrome and his brother “Domino” were by the street to play with other puppies. Domino was accepted by the young group they found, but when Spot Chrome tried to make friends, the other pups let him out for be different.

- Hey, can I play with you?

- Sorry, but we won’t freaks in the group.

Those words were a hard beat for him and Domino was trying to console him.

- Spot Chrome, I sorry, but they won’t you here.

- What it supposes I have to do now?

- I don’t know.

- Domino, I should better go home.

- Are you sure about this?

- Yeah, is ok.

Spot Chrome leaved with a fake smile on his face. He walked blue by the street thinking why the other pups don’t leave him play with them. From the silence, Spot Chrome heard a sweet singing coming from a pretty house. Spot Chrome went to take a look and there was a little puppy girl watching herself in a fountain. Spot Chrome was still watching her and thinking: “Oh, my god, she is so beautiful”. While the female doggie kept watching her pretty face in the looking water, she saw the reflection of some strange dog by her side.

- Ah… who are you?

- I sorry, I didn’t want to scare you.

- So what you were doing?

- Is just… I saw you and… I… well…

- I understand, what is your name?

- I’m Spot Chrome.

- My name I Amy. What kind of dog are you?

- A Dalmatian. Why you ask?

- Cuz I had never seen a puppy with color stains.

- Well, I was born like this.

In that moment, a little girl came and Spot Chrome’s presence was a delight to her.

- Hi, little guy. Where you come from? This is your new friend? Amy.

The little girl took Spot Chrome into the house to talk with her dad.

- Daddy, look! I found this dog.

- Marla, what do you do with that animal?

- Can I keep him?

- I don’t know. Maybe he is lost.

- He have not collar. Please, daddy.

- Ok, but he is your responsibility.

Marla gave to Spot Chrome a strong hug and that kind of love was strange for Spot Chrome. With the pass of the years, Spot Chrome learnt about the human customs and what was the love of a human child. Every afternoon, Spot Chrome were going out to visit his mother and brother until 1 day, Marla bought a collar and put it on Spot Chrome’s neck. His name was in the medal as if Marla already knew the name of him. As Spot Chrome was surprised, he ran to show to Domino his new collar. Spot Chrome found him in the same alley and Domino got surprise after see his brother’s gift.

- Hey, Domino. Take a look of this.

- Wow… It’s a collar.

- Yes and is brand new.

- That’s nice. I wish that mom be alive to see this.

- I know that she is proud of me where ever she is.

- You had the luck to find a home cuz is not very nice live in the streets.

- Hey, you can come with me.

- Really?

- Yeah, Marla can accept you.

- Spot Chrome, I don't know.

- Is very nice have a home, but I can't enjoy it without you.

- Well… is ok.

Domino went in company of Spot Chrome while his brother talked all about the good life that was waiting for Domino. As Spot Chrome was talking about it, he couldn't hear that a dogcatcher was coming. A man with a web on his hands walked slowly to the 2 poor victims. While Domino heard his brother speaking a lot, a web cut his way and Spot Chrome turned when his brother screamed. He ran cuz there was nothing he could do now to save Domino. Domino was taken to the pound and put in a cage. Domino was scare knowing that he passed all his entire life escaping from this man and for last once in his life, he was caught later of be wanted.

When Spot Chrome came home, he told Amy all the happening and they decided to rescue Domino. After being running through the streets, they could arrive to the pound and silently they broke in there. They searched and checked all the cages.

- Domino, where are you?

- Spot Chrome? Over here!

- Domino… Keep talking to me!

- Spot Chrome…. Quick, help me!

Spot Chrome followed the voice till he found him.

- Domino, Don't worry. I'll take you out of here.

- Ok, but do it fast.

- I will open this thing.

- C'mon, he takes no time to come!

Spot Chrome tried to open the cage before the dogcatcher comes back and after some minutes, he did it.

- Thanks, brother.

- Ok, let's keep out of here.

The 3 dogs joined to try to get out when in the way; they bumped with the dog catcher hanging his web.

- Oh, God. What we do now?

- I don't know, Amy.

- C'mon, Spot Chrome. Do something!

They were trap and there was no escape. While the dog catcher was coming closer, Spot Chrome looked everywhere and he saw a red button that open the cages of automatic way.

- Spot Chrome, why are you smiling?

- I've got an idea. When I give you the sign, run away.

- Do something, he's coming!

- Now!

Spot Chrome ran and climbed the wood boxes to reach the button. The dog catcher tied to get him with his web, but he couldn't. Spot Chrome pushed the button and all the cages opened by it selves. The animals inside of the cages ran fast making the dog catcher fall to the floor and the animals stepped on him leaving footprints marked on his face and cloths. All the animals could escape including Spot Chrome and his pals. The dog catcher came out to see the animals running away and the only thing he said was:

- I should have finished off the high school to be a doctor.

Marla waited outside of his house, worry about her pets until she heard barks and she saw them coming. Marla welcomed her pets with a hug after they jumped on her.

- Spot Chrome, Amy! Thank god you are okay.

Marla saw Domino and it called her attention.

- Hi, little guy. Are you looking for a home?

She took Domino high good and walked into the house with him leaving Spot Chrome and Amy alone.

- Spot Chrome, it was so brave what you done.

- Really?

- Yeah. I never met a dog like you before.

- Well, maybe I should…

Spot Chrome stopped talking when Amy kissed him on his lips. "Oh, that sweet kiss" he was thinking, cuz that was his first kiss and after some good times, they had a lot of little puppies. All of them with colorful stains like the father. And that was the happiest moment of his life.

# The Big Mistake

My name is Detective Jack Brewster and in England I'm know like 1 of the best detectives ever. It was the 5 of November of 1927 when I had a visit in my office. A young girl enters to my room asking for help.

- Detective Brewster, I need your help.

- Sit, please. Now tell what's the trouble?

- Is my boyfriend, he is in jail for something he didn't.

- What's your name? young lady.

- Katrina.

- How is than your boyfriend is in jail?

- I don't know. You can ask him.

- Take me with him.

I follow her to the police station to speak with the blamed young man. Behind of the bars, a kid is full of sorrow.

- Hey, kid. Hi!

- Detective, thank god you are here!

-Tell me your name.

- Eric Stamersnatch.

- Ok, Eric. Tell me why you are here.

- Last night I walked back home from my visit to the museum when I saw a man running to me. When he was close, he had something in his hands and let it fall. When he got away, I took that thing than was a bag with jewels inside. In front of me, there were policemen appointing me with their guns and now I'm here.

- Could you see how the man looks like?

- I don't know. He was all in black.

- That's all for now.

What the boy told me. It was something with some relationship respect to a crime realized in a jewellery store. There was a broken window in the crime scene with policemen trying to find an answer.

- Official, I've got something.

- No, Detective. There's not any evidence.

- Just think. How could the thief break the crystal?

- Just… we though it could be a rock, but we didn't found something that here.

- In that case judging for the way of how the crystal is break, it could be a hammer. A big hammer.

- If that is true, you can't prove the innocence of the boy.

- There's another way. Tell me where the bag with the jewels is.

The police take me to a lab where they hope to find digital traces. I came to the lab and for luck; the cops let me speak with the investigators.

- You've got something?

- Detective, well….. I'm doing the possible to find any mark, but I think the thief used gloves.

- Wait, what if you find even be a piece of hair?

- I will do my best.

The only thing I could do was go to the cinema to clear my mind. The first movie was a horror classic. "Nosferatu". What I think about this film is that Count Orlok is very creepy and I hope this film exist for future generations. This was the first movie of "Dracula" in the cinema history. With only see that scenes full of suspense and mystery makes me think how could an ordinary man steal a jewellery store without leave a single clue?

I live in a world where any case is like a puzzle and the pieces are hard to find, but this puzzle of now have not some piece to complete the riddle. Everything is so confuse and I though a night ride could clear my mind, but nothing comes to help that boy in jail and my only choice was send myself back to the crime scene. With my lantern on searching in darkness, maybe this time I can find another way to save that boy. Even if I found nothing, I never get surrender easily. Maybe the young man could see his face and something tells me is somebody who I know.

Back to the jail in the next morning, I make my final question.

- Eric!

- You found him?

- No, but maybe I can do it this time.

- What do you need?

- Tell me, could you see his face?

- I don’t know. It was so dark, but there’s something I remember: A scar on his face through his right eye.

- God, I know who is!

The man who I was seeking was a fugitive from justice known as “The Cod Fish”. A criminal who was chase since that day I recall. In a fishing zone the police found him taking hostages and the shoots started. He ran till tripping with a fishing web and felt to a harpoon cutting his face.

He could escape and nobody can catch him since that day. He always finds the way to escape and now he will fall for send an innocent boy behind the bars on his place. Driving in the darkness, there had to be someway of realise that boy and how I gonna get The Cod Fish without a single clue? My head is full of doubts. Then I feel some kind of light in my face. I see a little flash in front, so I keep out of the car to see what that shinning thing is. When I take it to look, what I see is a sapphire stone. I realize now than this shinning blue stone is 1 of the stolen jewels. At last I find a clue and it’s my ticket to The Cod Fish’s hiding place. Later of show it to the investigators, 1 of them gives me the answer to close this case:

- Good news. Using this stone, we can find the rest of the stolen jewels!

- Perfect! Show me the way.

They guide me while I was driving to what it was looking like an old factory.

- According with the computer, the stolen jewels are right here.

- Ok, call the troop, I’ll come in.

I took my gun and went into the factory. Everything inside is so dark and if The Cod Fish is right here, I will be in troubles. I keep the eyes wide open in the darkness using a lantern. There’s nothing on first place till I see a flash. I shoot the light in that place and what I see with a impacting expression are the stolen jewels in a bag.

- Yes, I found it finally!

- Of course you found it, Jack.

There was a gun behind my head and I know who this man is.

- The Cod Fish.

- Bingo! Always making yourself the smart guy.

- An innocent boy is in jail because of you.

- And what you gonna do? Send me with the authorities?

- I made a promise with that boy and I gonna carry it out.

From the nowhere, a white light appear through the window and a voice saying:

- Cod Fish! All the zone is rounded up. Come out with your hands up!

- Damn! You set me a trap.

- I think you are finish.

I turned back fast taking The Cod Fish weapon and pointing my gun right on his head.

- Is your choice. Surrender or die.

The police was waiting a lot till they see me hanging The Cod Fish hands.

- This is the real jewel thief! The boy on jail is innocent.

Back to the police station, 1 of the guards opens the cage.

- Hey, young man. You can go now.

- What?

When he comes out, he sees me at his girlfriend's side. Eric comes running giving Katrina a big hug and a kiss too.

- The real thief is in prison now and the jewels are back where they belong.

- So that means….

- The case is close. I must go now.

- I don't know how pay you for help us.

- Is not necessary. My help is free like my spirit.

- I hope see you again.

- You know where to find me.

And that is how ends another case. I think than there is not another man who could resolve something like this. After all, the hard puzzles are my speciality.

# The Gift Of The Child

Once upon a time in a Little Street, the sun was rising and The Day Of The Child was beginning. A little boy of name “Nicky” was awaking and we went to see his dad after get up and leave his room. Daddy was reading the news when the kid spoke.

- Hey, Daddy.

- Hi, Nicky. You’re awake.

- Do you know what day is today?

- Yes, it’s The Day Of The Child. I know.

- You don’t have a present for me?

- No, but if you eat your breakfast, I gonna buy you something.

- Thanks, dad!

While Nicky was taking his meal, Daddy left the house and went to a little shop. It was a shop full of funny objects and antiques.

- Hello! Is there anybody here?

- Yes, sir. What can I do for you?

- I search a present for my son.

- I have not so much, but take a look, fella.

Daddy looked around the place and he has seen something calling his attention.

- Hey, and this box? What is it?

- I don’t know. My boss never talks about it.

- There is something inside?

- Maybe. Take it if you want to. It’s not for sale.

- Fine, bye.

Later of some minutes, the boss had returned to his little shop and he noticed that something was missing.

- I back and the box?

- Excuse me, Boss?

- Where is the box?

- I gave it away.

- What? You idiot! You have no idea of what there is inside!

- I don’t wanna know it.

Boss ran to search the box like if something wrong was coming on.

When Nicky was watching TV, Daddy came home with the box.

- Happy Day Of The Child, Nicky.

- Daddy, you brought me a gift.

- Yes, for my little special boy.

- What there is in the box?

- I don’t know. It’s yours and I don’t care. Go to play.

Nicky went to the garden to see his gift inside of the box. He sat on the lawn and he took the chance now that he was alone. Nicky opened the box slowly with a smile on his face and when he opened the box, some strange force dragged Nicky to inside the box. He fell into some kind of dark hole. When Nicky touched the ground, he was in some strange and beautiful forest.

- Wow! Where I am?

- You are in my world.

Nicky looked back and he saw that the answer came from a little guy with a coloring body made of plastic and his head was a yellow ball with 2 points and a drawn smile. Nicky saw a butterfly made of wood and its wings were of cloth. The Butterfly came down in front of Nicky and it was wonderful for the kid.

- Nice, don’t you think?

- Yes, but who are you?

- Toy Boy and this is the world of Toy Land. Let me show you.

Nicky was after Toy Boy following him until they arrived to a park replete of giant toys. Cars, cubes, blocks, guns, etc.

- Wow! There are a lot of toys here.

- Yes, why you don’t better start to play?

Nicky played with the toys starting with a racquet, dices and shoot guns. All the toys he could find. Nicky never felt so joyful before and these toys were the best gift he could ever get. Toy Boy stayed by his side watching how Nicky was having fun with the toys and that made Toy Boy ask to Nicky only one thing.

- Do you like this place?

- Yes, why you ask?

- Because you can stay here.

- Really?

- Yes and play with these toys forever.

- That I will like.

While Daddy was wondering what is Nicky doing now, somebody knocked the door and Daddy saw him come in. Daddy felt invaded by the presences of this stranger and he wanted to find out who this intruder was.

- Hey, who are you?

- I'm the owner of the box.

- And why are you here?

- Sorry, sir, but I need the box back. Where is it?

- I gave it to my son. What happens?

- He could be in danger.

- What?

- There's something evil in that box.

- What are you talking about?

- There is not time to explain.

- Just tell me what is comin' on with that box!

Boss had no other option than speak. First he took something down of his cloths and spoke.

- Do you see this?

- It's a wand and what?

- It's to fight with what is inside of the box. There is a magic world that in fact is a diabolic world where children are kidnaped and later, they become in toys.

- Right.

Daddy took his phone and marked.

- What do you do? Sir

- Calling the madhouse.

- Listen, you've got to believe me!

- If what you want is the box, I will give it back to you.

Daddy took Boss to the back garden after hide his phone and they got there, they saw only the box. Nicky wasn't there, he was missing.

- I don't understand. Here is the box, but here is Nicky?

- He was alone with the box?

- Yes, why?

- I'm gonna in.

- Are you pretending that my son is inside of the box?

- I will show you.

Boss entered to the box, took Daddy's hand and they both were swallow by the box. They fell into an interdimensional hole with cubes, coco birds, clocks, etc. floating around. At the bottom of the hole, Boss and Daddy touched the soft ground and Daddy stood up to see the strange place.

- What the hell is this?

- I told you.

- So my son is here. This is a nice place.

- Yes, but there are dangerous toys.

In that moment, a giant plastic snake came out from the ground.

- What the hell is that?

- They know we are here and won't let us save the kid.

The giant snake gave his first move attacking the 2 visitants. Boss used his wand to hit the snake evading its attack while Daddy was thinking how to help. Daddy saw a big truck with a big circular saw ahead.

- Cool, a fight car.

While Boss was fighting with the snake shooting thunders to it from his wand, Daddy got into the truck and started it. He activated the saw and went on his way over the snake. Boss got back and the truck's saw hit its target. It cut the snake by half leaving his superior part fall in the ground and then, it stopped moving.

- Hey, I gave it's deserve.

- You shouldn't do that.

In that moment, a giant tank came from the bushes and shot to the truck. The truck flew in the air and felt in the ground. Boss ran to it to find Daddy. Once he got there, Daddy came out of the truck fast and Boss helped his to stand up. Daddy heard some strong steps coming from somewhere and he looked around to see what that was.

- What the hell was that?

- A tank and a teddy bear are coming.

They began to run away from the tank, but after lose it, a big teddy bear came out from the forest and the duet turned around to escape. The bear was so huge than chase the duet was so easy. So, the bear extended his right arm and Daddy was finally trapped. Boss was still running while the bear was holding Daddy.

- Let me go, you stupid bear!

- Don't worry, I will save you!

Using the wand, Boss gave a big jump and torn the teddy's head apart. The bear fell and Daddy was released from its claws. Daddy stood up and by chance, Boss was standing there waiting for him.

- How did you do that?

- It's our weapon and ticket way out.

- What about the tank?

- Look, there is a train.

Pointing with the wand, Daddy saw a train of normal size, but made of plastic. They walked to it and after reach it and get in, Boss was the one who drove the train taking position in the railway engine. It was a toy, so drive it was easy.

- Do you know drive a train?

- It's a toy train, will be easy.

The train was in motion, while Daddy had a lot of doubts. The train was going on its way heading to a bridge and the 2 passengers could see it.

- Now we have to cross that bridge and you will see your son again.

- How do you know so much about this place?

- Because I already was here before.

What they didn't know is that the tank was close after trying from find its targets and once it realize they were on trying, it shot directly to the bridge's end. Daddy and Boss beheld how an explosion made the bridge disappear.

- What did happen?

- That tank again is trying to stop us.

- We are screw! The bridge had fallen!

- We have to jump out of the train.

Leaving the command center, Boss and Daddy ran back trying to escape before fall to the void. The train was so fast that before arrive to the last wagon, the train got to the dead end and fell. It was too late and the passenger had only one choice. So opening the door of the wagon they were, the duet came out and hanging Daddy's hand, Boss got hang of a branch from a closer tree and they both could leave the train before fall with it. Boss let the branch go and they touch ground newly.

- You're fine?

- Yes, at less we are in the other side of the way.

- Yes, but we lost the train.

- Well, we have to follow the railways. C'mon.

As Boss said, he and Daddy walked following the railways hoping that lead them to where Nicky was. It was a long way by the railways and it was enough to speak and answer all Daddy's doubts.

- If we keep walking straight, we gonna arrive.

- Tell me, if you were here before, how did you escape?

- When I was a kid, I found the box in a dumper. I was poor in that moment. I got into the box and when I came, I met Toy Boy.

- Toy Boy you say?

- He is the one who rules this place. This place was heaven to me until I've seen so many children costumes hiding in a room. I knew in that moment that Toy Boy wanted to keep me here and make me a toy like the other children whom were here before.

- What do you mean with make you a toy?

- I noticed something strange one day when I was playing with a cloth doll. When seeing her, her looking, wearing and face were exactly to a little who I saw in an old black and white picture that I found in the pocket of one of the hiding children costumes.

- That means….

- He spent years, maybe centuries doing this and he was trying to turn me into a doll. I know that because I was using doll clothes and one day I saw how my hands were turning into plastic.

- And what happened next?

- I stole his wand from his lair and I used it to escape. This wand put an end to my days as a tramp. Its magic created my store and gave me enough money to leave the streets forever. Since that day, I tried to protect the box hoping that no other child suffers the same destiny that those children missing here.

- And what would happen if he gets his wand back?

- Then we will never keep out of here.

In that moment, they saw a red car in front of them and stopped.

- Oh, no. This is bad.

- Why? It's just a car.

- That thing is not a car.

After of some seconds of suspense, the car got dismantle and became into a giant robot.

- It that a transformer robot?

- He has Japanese toys of his side.

- Ok, this is bad.

The robot raised his fist and gave the first attack. Daddy and Boss tried to evade the attacks, but it was impossible escape from something so big. All they could do was laid in the ground or jump when the fist was close to them and the situation got worse when the robot used his right claw.

- That thing is so big!

- We most escape.

But in the try, the robot stopped them shooting his claw cutting their path.

- Hey, what the hell? Man.

The claw was stuck in the ground in front of them and Boss moved his wand sending a star that got stuck in the robot's face.

- You gave him right on his head.

- It isn't over yet.

The star came back to the wand and this time, the robot shot his left fist. When hitting the ground, Boss jumped, ran by the robot's dismantled arm, jumped again and with the wand broke the robot's head in two. Boss fell on foot and the robot fell so hard like a building.

- How did you do that?

- Everything is work of the wand.

After 1 mile of walk, the 2 travelers had arrived to the end.

- Ok, we are here.

- Wow, it's so big!

Before them there was a big pink castle with purple point at the end of the towers. Pretty similar to those princess girl toys and it could be compared with some of those Barbie's accessories.

- Tell me, is that a Barbie castle?

- Yes, but don't let you fool.

- How we gonna in?

- Let it to me.

After got closer to the castle in front of the gate, Boss put the wand in the lock like a key and opened the gate. Inside there was a big green space like some kind of garden. The place brought some memories back to Boss about the days he spent there.

- This place hadn't change.

- There is a problem, Boss.

- And what is it?

- I don't see any door. There is no way to go into the castle.

- There is just one place where Toy Boy is keeping your son.

- Oh, yeah? Where?

- Take my hand.

Boss moved his wand and the same star was send to the air with a rope. Hanging the wand, Boss and Daddy were lifted to the highest tower of the Barbie castle. Once they got there, Boss broke the window of just 1 punch, they both got in and Nicky was inside. Nicky heard them in once he knew who his visitors were, he ran to hug his daddy. The father gave welcome to Nicky with his arms open and father and son hugged like if they didn't see each other for a long time.

- Nicky! Thank god you are here.

- Dad, what are you doing here?

- Listen, we have to go now.

- But I love this place.

- It's a trap. You are in danger.

- Your dad has right. If we stay here, we gonna to be toys and stay here forever.

- But Toy Boy is my friend.

- No, he is not. He actually is…

Before end, the door got broken in pieces by something strong. Toy Boy shown himself with his body colored of black and red, 2 fangs, claws, triangles on his shoulders and black horns on his head.

- So you came back, Boss.

- Toy Boy, It had passed so many time.

- I waited a lot for this moment.

- Just let the kid go with his dad.

- I will not let you take him away!

Toy Boy grew up soddenly and became into a giant monster toy with bat wings, dinosaur head, big claws and a long tail with a sharp end.

- What the hell is that?

- That is his true form.

Toy Boy attacked with his tail and Boss stopped the hit with his wand.

- Stay back!

- Boss, how we keep out of here?

- This wand is the only way out!

But the chance to escape was interrupted by the battle. Toy Boy attacked with hits, claws, fire breath, tail, all his power. Boss attacked and evaded with the wand like a shield and sword. Boss sent a star sticking in the monster toy's chest. The monster hit with big anger his tail against Boss. Toy Boy was very strong in his true form, so there was just 1 way to escape. Boss used his wand to send a long rope around Toy Boy leaving him totally immobilize for a short time.

- That rope will not stop him for much longer.

- So we have to keep out of here right now!

- C'mon, hang on me.

Taken hand by hand, Boss raised the wand and they came out by the window. When Toy Boy untied himself, it was too late for stop the escape. Boss and pals were going to the high sky way back home. At the end of the line, Boss, Daddy and Nicky were home again. They came out of the box shooting in the air. They landed in the ground and looked around to get sure.

- We did it.

- Daddy, we are home again.

- Yes, is over.

- No yet. Quick, we have to close the box. Close it!

When Daddy was going to close the box, a big claw came out from the box. Toy Boy was trying to keep out of the box. Daddy pushed the lid trying to keep Toy Boy inside of the box.

- Stay inside, god damn it!

For luck, the claw got back inside, but the box was still moving. Boss used a color rope to tie the entire box as a birthday present. Daddy released the box and the 3 witnesses could hear Toy Boy's voice giving his final sentence.

- When I go out, I will break your asses!

The box gave a last jump and Boss caught it with both hands.

- Ok, now everything is fine.

- I can't believe you went there to find me.

- I'm your dad. I did it because I love you.

- And I helped him to have my box back.

- What will you do with the box?

- Hide it in a safe place and perhaps fire my dumb assistant. Well, it was nice to meet you, but I must leave now. It's getting late. Bye.

- Hey, thanks for help me to find my son.

- It was nothing. Take care of him.

Boss walked away and left the house taking the box with him. Now Daddy and Nicky were alone and Daddy had not words to express how guilty he felt to his Nicky's life in risk. Anyway, Nicky didn't feel bad or shocked. He felt charmed after visit that Toy Land.

- Daddy, this was the best Day Of The Child I ever had.

- C'mon, Nicky. It's getting dark.

The sun was coming down and the day too and although what Daddy and Boss had gone through, Nicky felt like he had a funny day and that was something that Daddy didn't want to miss up. He knew that someday, Nicky would understand it. May Nicky would remember that event as a dream and nothing more, but after all that was a day the he and his daddy will never forget.

# The Joke

1 of April, Day Of The Innocent; also known as April's Fool. As any normal day, our friend Sean awakes from his dream. Walking to the kitchen, he sees his mom.

- Hey, Mom.

- Sean, you are awake.

- Did you make the breakfast?

- Yes, it's in the table.

Sean goes to sit and when he goes to eat the cereal, raising the spoon, he sees am ice cube.

- Hey, there is ice in my cereal.

- You fell innocent!

- Dad, I should know it.

- Yes, it's The Day Of The Innocent.

Sean's dad sits to take his coffee while he is laughing and when he drinks…

- Hey, this coffee is cold.

The father looks the grease cup and he sees an ice cube inside.

- You put ice in my coffee.

- Who is the innocent now?

- This time you caught me.

After the laughing, Sean comes out to join with his friend Jim. Sean starts the day making jokes to every person he knows. But before start, something unexpected waits.

- Sean, I don't think that be a good idea keep making jokes.

- What that means?

- Well, after last year…

- C'mon, they'll understand. My jokes are not big deal.

- Oh, lord.

- What?

- Look! Somebody came first.

Before them, a man is hanged by head. Practically a well know person from the same school where Sean was studying. A kid named Ralph.

- Hey, Ralph. What did happen to you?

- Hi, Sean.

- Listen, this is not 1 of my jokes for today.

- I know. it was someone else.

- Who?

- Read this.

Ralph extends his right hand and he shows to Sean a letter. Sean takes it and read in high voice just 2 words

- Lord Fool?

- Yes, he is a mysterious buffoon who is screwing the people.

- A new joker?

- And he is very smart.

- Let's see who this guy is.

- Don't walk there!

Jim treads a lever and from the bushes comes a cake shooting like a missile. For luck the duo evades the cake hitting just the trunk of a tree.

- Where that cake…?

- It was a trap.

- He put traps in everywhere.

- This is not good.

- You must be careful.

In the walk, Sean cannot believe than there is a new joker better than him.

- This has not sense. How can this joker be better than me?

- I don't know, but we have to find him.

- And how we gonna find him?

- I don't know, Sean.

- Stop!

- What happen?

- Look.

- What is it?

Sean takes a baseball ball out of his pocket, throw it and a paint lath comes out from a tree hanged.

- You see? Another trap.

- How did you know it?

- I know about traps.

- I can pass now.

Buy when Jim walks, a bolos ball comes out from the same tree hitting Jim's balls. He falls with both hands in his balls screaming on pain.

- Oh, shit. My balls!

- God, I should know it.

- What the hell is coming on out here?

A man comes out from his house by the noises. But when he opens the door, a lath full of paint falls right on his head.

- Hey, who turned off the light?

Sean gets close to the man and takes out the lath from the man's head.

- You are okay, sir?

- So it was you. I'll call the police.

- Run, Jim!

Sean puts the lath back on the man's head and run behind Jim. But Jim stops when he sees a rope and touch it. Sean sees and scream "Jim, don't touch that!" But when he touches it, a boxing glove comes out from a bush and hits Jim right on his jaw. Jim walks back scrubbing his jaw and Sean gets close to him to see if Jim wasn't hurt.

- Jim, you're ok?

- It hit me in my jaw.

- We have to escape.

In the way, they see a man walking calmed down till he steps a rope and from a bush, a big bear trap comes out and bite the man's ass.

- AAAAHHHHH…, MY ASS!

- Did you see that?

- Yes, c'mon.

And in front, a gift comes out from another bush and hit the head of a little boy. The boy takes the gift to open it. Sean gets close fast to warn him.

- Hey, and this gift?

- Don't open it, kid!

But when the boy opens the gift, a giant monstrous joker head comes out from the box. The boy walks back scared, steps a lever and a balloon full of glue hit his face. Sean and Jim are hugging each other knowing that there is not escape.

- We can't escape. Lord Fool has everybody!

- You and I are the last ones.

After 2 hours, they keep moving hiding behind the bushes and dropping a lath to see if there is not any trap around. Walking slow with fear and armed with spears and metallic caps, Jim sees a balloon tied on a tree.

- Look, a balloon, Sean.

- May be it's a trap.

Sean gets closer and touches the balloon with a spear and whet the balloon explodes, a trash can falls from a tree.

- We didn't fall this time.

In that moment, appears a young man with 5 boxes of pizza.

- Take them.

- What is that?

- The pizzas you ordered.

- But I didn't order 5 pizzas.

- Is the buffoon. He is screwing us.

- Oh, no. I gonna get him.

- But how?

- Come, I've got an idea.

In somewhere of the street, Jim drops a lath to see if everything is fine.

- Ok, clear. He wasn't here.

- Perfect, it's our chance.

From a tree, they drape a cage with 1 side of the rope and the other side was tied in a lever.

- The trap is ready.

- This time we gonna get that clown, Jim.

They didn't know that there was someone watching them. From the nowhere, a ball appears hit the lever and the cage fall.

- What was that?

- He screwed the trap.

- There is the clown!

Jim points with the finger to a corner and they see some strange guy dressed like some kind of clown with a mask. It's a buffoon with pointed red shoes, white gloves, a yellow and purple striped suit including the buffoon's cap with 3 bells at the cap's points and his mask is white with a long red nose, a big smile and crosses as eyes.

- He tries to screw us again!

- Let's get this prat!

The buffoon tries to escape, Jim and Sean run behind him and the buffoon throws a mechanic set of teeth and it lands on Jim's face biting Jim's nose and he scream "Shit, my nose!" The buffoon turns around laughing cuz he thinks that he won, but in the turn, Sean is in front with a box on his hands. He opens it and a boxing glove comes out. It hits the buffoon right on his face and he falls to the floor.

- Your jokes are over, asshole.

At last, Lord Fool is taken to prison and the 2 boys are present to contemplate the buffoon behind the bars. Sean and Jim are standing before the buffoon's cell and an officer comes closer to them to show them his gratitude.

- You made a good job, boys.

- Thanks, officer.

- At less you caught the clown.

- Now let's see who he is.

Sean extends his right hand and when he takes off the mask of the mysterious joker, he discovers that the buffoon is an old friend.

- Nicolas, you are Lord Fool?

- Yes, it was me. It was me all this time.

- But why?

- You know very well why. Because all the years is the same thing. You break my balls with your jokes.

- But I was just playing.

- The last year you got my pants wet with a balloon full of water coming out from school. All the kids were laughing of me. That was the worse day of my life. So I wanted revenge and for that reason, I did this what I call “The Joke” and it did work.

- Well, young man. Your joke is over.

- Will you call my parents?

- Of course.

The day is ending and the 2 friends are walking home, thinking about all the entire experience.

- I still can’t believe that Nicolas was Lord Fool.

- Sean, I knew that this would happen. Because he was 1 of your victims.

- I’m just glad that everything is over.

- But you didn’t screw anymore.

- It doesn’t matter. Will be next year.

Sean arrives home and is time to say good bye.

- Ok, Jim. We see tomorrow.

Sean gives Jim a hug and that is when Jim’s pants fall down. Jim sees that Sean has a scissor on his right hand.

- Hey, my pants!

- Happy Day Of The Innocents!

Sean goes into the house and closes the door with a smile on his face, while Jim is knocking the door with anger.

- Sean! God damn it! Open the door!

After all, Sean could screw someone this time.

# Binnacle 14

Captain's binnacle: I'm in a secret rescue mission, trying to take back The G-6 Device. Some days ago, The Device was taken from the lab by an intruder and it was taken to a restricted planet known as Bugesto. The name is because the planet is full of horrible beings known as The Bugestians. A population of big monster bugs. Nobody has the will to go to Bugesto and I was the only 1 to do it. After 7 binnacles, this is the number 8 and I hope have The G-6 Device back in 4 hours.

Binnacle 9: I'm landing in Bugesto and I get prepare for this dangerous mission. My ship is in land now and I keep out of my space ship.

Captain's binnacle: I go into a jungle and all the plants are of strange form and color. There is so much silence and I feel like the plants are looking me and planning something against me. So I take my gun to attack, but I didn't know that they were already prepared. Something big was behind me and I could see its reflection on my communicator where I'm speaking. Its look remembers me when I studied biology on the high school and at just see it; I knew that they wanted to kill me.

Captain's binnacle: I was attack by the creature and I had no choice than hide in a cave. I'm still here in the darkness thinking how I keep out of this trouble. I've got a gun in hand cuz I left footprints on the ground where any being can see and follow to the cave.

Captain's binnacle Nº 12: I had just 1 hour to have The G-6 Device back and later take it to the space base. So I had no choice that continues my way through the woods. I had just short time to go back to the space ship. In front, I saw a light and I was thinking that the device was right there. I took the chance, but in the dead end, I get meet with the worst thing of this planet: The Bugestians. A big swamp of those creeping creatures in front of me. I shot with my gun to those big bugs and I killed some ones, but the swamp was worse. They flied around me and I kept shooting, but it wasn't enough. So I had to use my sticky whip and it did work. The Bugestians were stick, but just for a while. I kept walking until I've seen a machine making that light. I got closer and examined the machine. The device was right there and I took it. The machine turned off in 1 instant, but it was so quiet that I lose the calm. When I turned, The Bugestians were free because of somehow, they escaped from the trap. The next thing I did was shooting. There were so much of those bugs that my only choice was run away. The swamp was after me and I kept shooting. I stopped just for 1 minute to try to stop The Bugestians. The creatures were flying around me and I didn't know what to do. I took my gas bomb and I used it. The gas was very useful, cuz that blinded the enemy giving me another chance to escape. I was close to arrive to my space ship, but 3 big bugs were there waiting for me. I took my gun to shoot against the creepy bugs. I killed 1; the 2 bugs left were flying turning and turning and turning trying to confuse me to don't shoot. For luck, I hit 1 and the other bug attacked me for back. I fell by the push for a moment. I rose up ready to shoot and when the last Bugestian came right to me, I shot and it blew up like a balloon full of green

paint. I could hear the buzzing of the swamp coming, so I ran to the ship and I could escape with the device from Bugesto and now I'm on my way back home.

Captain's binnacle: In my way back home, I didn't know that there was something else in my ship until I was opening the closet to save the device and something came out from inside. It was a Bugestian hiding in my space ship and it stung me with its sting. I put my hand around the disgusting beast's neck and I crushed its head against the wall. Its head blew up getting filth the wall with its green blood. I killed the bug, but I've got its poison in my body and will kill me in less of 30 minutes. I gonna to freeze myself in the cryogenic chamber putting me in a cryogenic dream. That will stop the poison of keep running through my veins, but I will be sleeping in the way. So I will put the ship in auto pilot. This can be my last binnacle, so I hope that someone who find me, hear this before unfreeze me.

Captain's binnacle: This is my 14th binnacle and that means that I was saved by my partners who found my ship. It passed 5 hours since my returning and for luck; the ship arrived to the Earth. I was still freeze when I came back to the Earth and my friends found me. They listened my binnacles and they delayed 1 hour to prepare the antidote before unfreeze me. The commander was angry cuz I went away from the Earth without his consent, but he got happy when he knew that I could bring The G-6 Device back and I was decorated with a golden medal for my valor. When all the people heard about me, they thought about be more like me. I went back home with my family and they were so proud of me. The bug on my ship was taken to the lab for know more about these creatures from planet Bugesto. The G-6 Device was taken back to the space base where it belongs and this time no other life form from another planet could steal the device. In count of me, I'm still working in the space base in case of another mission in another planet. The commander now got me in his list of special space agents and now I can go to any planet. I'm a space ranger and I make this binnacle for everyone who takes the choice to do what I did to have The G-6 Device back and give it back to my superiors. After listen the first 7 binnacles that are not very important, the other 6 are vital to know what happened to me in Bugesto and the binnacle 14 is to think what are you gonna do.

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